

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1737 - SB 1597

March 7, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the Class A misdemeanor offense of distribution of marijuana not in excess of 1/2 ounce to include possession or distribution. Regardless of the number of prior convictions for this offense, violation is punishable as a fine only of at least \$250, with the first \$250 directed to the county's drug court fund, if the marijuana is at least 1/1,000 of an ounce but less than 1/8 of an ounce.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-418(b), it is currently an offense to distribute an amount of marijuana up to one-half ounce.
- There will not be a significant increase in the number of convictions for this offense for state or local government to experience a significant increase in expenditures or revenue.
- According to the Department of Correction, the proposed bill will not have an impact on the number of admissions for a second or subsequent conviction.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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